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1. DEVICE THROWN INTO "PALMIER EN ZINC" HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY FRENCH ARMY BOMB EXPERTS AS U.S.-TYPE FRAGMENTARY (DEFENSIVE) GRENADE. IT IS ASSUMED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO BE OF ETHIOPIAN ORIGIN.

2. DJIBOUTI CITY SEALED OFF SINCE SHORTLY AFTER ATTACK AND AFAR NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED INTENSIVE HOUSE TO HOUSE SEARCH, WITH OVER 100 PEOPLE ARRESTED, OF WHOM 30 ARE EXPECTED TO BE RETAINED IN CUSTODY. VEHICLE SUSPECTED OF TRANSPORTING TERRORISTS HAS BEEN LOCATED.

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3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAS YET TO MAKE ANY PRONOUNCEMENT ON AFFAIR, AND ONLY NEWS MADE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL MEDIA HAS BEEN AFP WIRELESS COPY. PRESIDENT, HOWEVER, IS TO MAKE SPEECH ON RADIO/TV THIS EVENING AT 2000 HOURS LOCAL IN WHICH HE REPORTEDLY WILL MAKE STRONG CONDEMNATION OF ETHIOPIA.

4. MEASURES TAKEN, INCLUDING PLANNED SPEECH, NO DOUBT CONFORM TO IMMEDIATE TERRORIST OBJECTIVES AND WILL HARDLY IMPROVE LOCAL SITUATION. PRESIDENT GOULED ASKED FRENCH AMBASSADOR BASTOUIL THIS MORNING TO MAKE DEMARCHE ALONG LINES REQUESTED US IN REFTEL B. I BELIEVE THAT SOME CONSULTATION WITH FRENCH ON THIS MATTER WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE AND IN OUR INTEREST. BOTH AMBASSADOR BASTOUIL AND I AGREE THAT ONLY WAY TO APPEASE LOCAL SITUATION IN SHORT TERM IS TO TRY INFLUENCE ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES TO ESTABLISH PROPER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND TO CEASE SUPPORT TERRORIST ACTIONS. IN RETURN, DJIBOUTI AUTHORITIES APPARENTLY WILLING ABANDON ANY FURTHER SUPPORT, IMPLIED OR DIRECT, TO ALIMIRAH FAMILY ACTIONS, PARTICULARLY THEIR BLUNDERING EFFORTS TO INTERDICT ASSAB-ADDIS ROAD.

5. IN THAT REGARD DJIBOUTI BORDER REPORTED TO FRENCH THIS MORNING OF GATHERING 90 LANDROVERS AT BORDER CROSSING POINT NORTH OF MOULHOULE ON NORTH COAST AS WELL AS FEWER NUMBERS AT CERTAIN OTHER CROSSING POINTS. FRENCH AIR RECONN IS SET TODAY VERIFYING THOSE REPORTS.

6. DEPT REQUESTED INFORM POST SOONEST IF ACTION SUGGESTED ABOVE, EITHER INDEPENDENTLY OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH FRENCH OR OTHERS, IS PLANNED. CLARKE

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